

BROWNING'S "JAMES GENEALOGY"

17th-19th Century Research  
On the English, Welsh and American Ancestors  
Of the Many Unrelated James Families  
Completed by Charles H. Browning in 1909

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## INTRODUCTION

Charles Henry Browning was a distinguished genealogist at the turn of the century, with a major publication to his credit, "The Welsh Settlement of Pennsylvania," still a valuable source reference. His other works addressed the Magna Charta "barons" and their American descendants, as well as those Americans who could trace a royal descent.

From his home in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, the Ohio-born and educated author was associated with the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, founded in 1892, and he was a founding member of the Baronial Order of Runnymede. Browning became editor-in-chief of the American Historical Register in 1894, serving until 1900. He was a member of the American Historical Association and the American Authors Guild.

The sole extant copy of this manuscript entitled "James Genealogy" is located in the New York Public Library. An explanation of how it ended up in New York may be connected with his long service (1876 to 1921) as Philadelphia correspondent for the New York Herald, which would have brought him into occasional trips between cities.

We know of no Browning-James family tie. From his vantage point in the circle of descendants of the Barons of Runnymede, Browning wrote for help from colleagues located in towns or cities where gaps existed in his primary and secondary sources. Only a portion of his sourcing can be gleaned from the text, but enough to give the reader an advantage in searching for original documentation on a particular family.

The principal value of this work lies in the broad look at a family surname and the specific researches into 17th, 18th and 19th Century records available at the time he completed his drafting in 1909. The experience was undoubtedly helpful and good preparation for his comprehensive work on the Welsh settlers of Pennsylvania published in 1912.

## EXPLANATORY COMMENT

The rendering and decyphering of Browning's text was not an easy task. Appendix 1 gives a sample page as visual proof. By textual analysis and comparisons across the length of the document, we found our many months of study have been rewarded.

Where there are variant spellings, the text has not been interrupted with footnotes or comments. Instead, the index is used as an aid. For example, Varenit is the principal interpretation for one scribble, but it could have been Varcrist. Both are listed in the index, with the less likely cross-referenced to the more likely.

The text attempts to provide the exact wording, punctuation, brackets, question marks, etc., rather than reflecting our editing for consistency or fixed-up spelling. Since the book is not a catalogue, but readable, we thought it better to adopt this approach, restraining ourselves and concentrating on Browning's extensive research itself. We have provided the headings for each section, but otherwise the text is his.

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# ABBREVIATIONS

(omitting the more obvious)

adm.	administrator
CH	courthouse
do.	ditto
d.s.p.	died without issue
ex <sup>tr</sup>	executor, executrix
NC	New Castle Co. (Del./Pa.), more often than North Carolina
ND	no date
NE	no effects
PE	Protestant Episcopal
PHS	Historical Society of Pennsylvania
pr <sup>o</sup> , pr <sup>b</sup>	proved, probated
tp	township
W&M	William & Mary Quarterly

1. James of South Carolina and Petersburg, Va.

Rev. Andrew Broaddus, born Caroline Co. Va. Nov. 1770, died Salem, (Roanoke Co. /Botetourt Co./Dec. 1848. Minister 1st Bapt. Ch. Richmond 1821-32 of New Dover (Goochland Co.) Asso. of Baptists 1832 (Rev. Dr. John, AB, sometime prof. in Baptist College, Greenville, S.C.)

"James" = "Beaufort"  
 "to Petersburg Va. from S.C." "of So. Car."

"Andrew Broaddus James" = Louise Gasquet (living 1887 N.D.)  
 c.b. 1820  
 d. N.D. before 1886.      Dau. of Wm.A. Gasquet, N.D. & wife  
    Martha Jefferson Vaughan who d.  
    Petersburg Va. and buried Blandford  
    Church.

2. James of Holland and Virginia

Richard Kemps was Sec. to Va. Council in 1640, President & acting Gov. of Va. Colony June 1644-45 time during the absence in Eng. of Gov Berkeley. He was buried at Bruton church, Williamsburg, Va. 1727. In inscription on tomb of Sec'y Ludwell there. d. 1678. Kemps member of Governor's Council 1642-1648.

Sarah, dau. of Roger James of Holland, m. 1st Thomas Draper, of Lincoln's Inn, London, Gent., buried at Islington, 1611, and m. 2d (Sir) Richard Kemps. She d. in 1650. Draper was a shareholder in 2d Va. Company.

3. James of Wales, Bristol and London

William, of St. John's, Brechnoch, Wales, and subsequently of Wollaston, and Tidenham.

m. Margaret Warren

Thomas, of Bristol, Eng. Merchant b. Wollaston. He aided in equipping the ship "Mayflower," and other ships, to prey on the shipping of Spain, in 1585, etc. Sheriff of Bristol, 1591.  
 1591. Sep. 18, wrote Lord Cecil about the discovery of Island of Raines, near New Foundland, America. Alderman, Bristol, 1604. Mayor in 1605 & 1614.

He was a shareholder in Va. Co. of London, and 1606, Nov. 20, he was appointed by King James I, a member of the King's Council for all matters which shall happen in Va, and again appointed by the Royal

3. James of Wales, Bristol and London (continued)

Charter, 9 March 1607. He was a wealthy merchant. Died in Jan. 1619. Buried in St Mark's Chapel, Bristol. Four Mayor's Sergeants were his pall-bearers. In this chapel, his effigy, kneeling in prayer, with open Bible on desk, -- in the south end of the aisle. By Will, he gave small legacy to place he was married at. He m. at Almondsbury.

Issue. 4 sons & 5 daughters.

His eldest son --

Thomas, of the Inner Temple, London, became a prominent lawyer. He was a shareholder in Va. Company and in the North West-Passage Co. He fitted out ship, Henrietta Maria, 70 tons, and sailed in her, 2 May 1631, to try to discover the No. W. Passage to India and returned 22 Oct 1632.

Capt. Thomas wrote an account of this expedition, printed, with map, 1633.

Rt. Rev. William, Lord Bishop of Duresme, sometime the Chaplain to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, was Dean of Durham, 1596, became a Bishop in 1606. d. 12 May 1617. He was a subscriber to Third Va. Co. of London.

Edward James was granted 350 acres in Rappa.river Va.no.side, "30 miles up" -- 22 May 1650.

Said to be bro.of Richard James of Romford, Essex, Eng. innholder. Will 20 July 1639, pr. 12 Apr. 1647 (Waters) "to Edmund my brother, now beyond the seas"- 40 Shill.

4. James of London

James in Virginia Company

Edward was a member of Merchant Tailors Co. London

Robert, member Merchant Tailors Co. London

These were subscribers to the fund raised in April 1609, to buy shares in the Va. Co. in name of the Merchant Tailors Co.

John, a member of Fishmongers Co. London, was subscriber to shares in Va. Co. 24 Apr. 1609.

Humphrey, a cooper, was shareholder in 2d Va. Co. 23 May 1609.

5. James of London and Virginia

James Mariners, trading to Va.

Capt. Thomas, of ship Anto, of London, trading in Va. 1658. Act. Va. Ass. 9 Mar. 1658-9 order he be taken into custody for refusing to pay duty on tobacco.

5. James of London and Virginia (continued)

Capt. Elisha, of ship Sarah and Mary, of Bristol, 4 guns and 16 men, trading with Va. 1705. Stafford Co. Va. Deed, dated 12 Jun 1705-6, conveyed to him 550 acres in this County, called "Chatterton" for £135, Sterling. Capt. Elisha and Charles, Gent., of Va. 1706, had power of attorney from John Foster, the grantor.

6. James of New England, Virginia and Return to England

James Jamestown, Va.

Rev. Thomas, who was two years the minister at Charlestown, Mass. and then at New Haven, Conn. was selected by the General Court, Mass., to go as missionary into the Va. Colony, 8 Sep. 1642. He arrived at Jamestown, Va. in Feby. 1642-3. Will of George Mensfer of "Buckland", Charles City Co. Va. 31 Dec. 1645. - a wealthy planter. "To Mr. To. James L20 and 1,000 lbs. tobacco, he to preach a sermon at my funeral."

Capt. Henry Brayne, of Va. addressed a letter on 30 July 1670, to "Mr. Thomas James," concerning the "Caroline Expedition." Possibly he was the minister.

Rev. Thomas James returned to England. His will 2 Feb. 1682 - pr<sup>b</sup>.  
13 Feb 1682. (Waters)

His son Thomas James b. Eng. - lived at East Hampton L.I. N. York, where he died 6 June 1696.

7. James of James City Co., Va.

"Wm Thomas James," concerning the "Caroline Expedition." Possibly he was the minister.

1637. March 24. "Joseia" (or Josiah), was a witness to will of John Parry (who came to Va. July 1635, and d.s.p. 1638).

1631. Nov. 22 "Richard James Clarke, the attorney of Capt. William Claiborne of Va.", Conveyed 500 acres in Co. of Warwick River, Va. to Capt. Richard Stephens, on order of court, dated 8 May 1626.

8. James of James City, Lancaster and Northampton Counties, Va.

1654. June 6. Richard had patent of this date, for 40 acres in James City Co., Va. on "South side of the back creek," beginning at Piping Point -- near Jamestown. Entered in Land Book, in 1656, and that year he was granted 150 acres, including the 40 acres, granted in 1654.



8. James of James City, Lancaster and Northampton Counties, Va. (continued)

1674. Richard of Lancaster Co. had a case in Court

1651. John, an inhabitant of Northampton Co., signed the "obligation" to the Commonwealth of Eng.

Rachel, relict of Richard James, m. William Sherwood. Jamestown, Va. whose will was proved there, 7 Feb 1697.

1635. Dec 18. John was a headright in list of Capt. Thoroughgood, of Va.

1666. Howell was taxable in Northampton Co. Va.

1635. Aug. - Hugh was a headright in list of Capt. Francis Eppes, of Va.

1636. June - Robert was a headright in list of Edward Osborne, Gent., of Va.

1636. Oct. - William was a headright in list of James Varenit of Va.

9. James of Northampton, Lower Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties, Va.

1653. Oct. - Gov. Bennett of Va. appointed John the surveyor of all lands in Northampton Co. Va. with order to make & keep records of the same.

1680-82. John patented 1350 acres in Princess Anne Co. Lynn Haven parish. His descendent: -

Capt. John, was a Vestryman 1803 - d. before 1810 of Lynn Haven parish, Princess Anne Co.

1791 - He m. Pembroke, dau. Capt. Wm. Woodhouse, a vestryman, this parish, 1753. Their son:-

Edward, a Capt. 1812 War - of Princess Anne Co. d. in 1814, was father of Edward W. James, d. 1906. Member Va. His. Soc. etc.

1698. Sep. 10. In court of Princess Anne Co. Va. John was a witness in behalf of James Sherwood who was sueing parties for Slandering his wife, the celebrated Grace Sherwood, "the Va. witch." Damages were asked in £100 sterling, with costs, because defendants claimed and said that Grace "like a witch disappeared out of a room -- through a key-hole, or door-crack". Jury found for defendants. Court order that John James be paid by plaintiff for attending Court 3 days in his behalf.

10. James of Princess Anne Co., Va. and Charleston, S.C.

Capt John James, was buried at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, S.C. 1746.

10. James of Princess Anne Co., Va. and Charleston, S.C. (continued)

Susannah James, buried at St. Philip's Ch. Charleston, 1737.

Elizabeth James and Peter Lacey , m. 14 Feb. 1746, St. Philip's.

11. James of Princess Anne Co., Va.

1776. Capt. John (P. Anne?) had by his first wife, Mary, dau. Lemuel Cornick: -

Frances (P. Anne?) m. Jonathan, son, Capt. Jacob Hunter, (of P. Anne Committee of Safety, 1775). of Princess Anne Co.

12. James - Slave Owners in Princess Anne Co., Va., 1810

William James Sr.	10
Edward - his son	10
Joshua James	25
Edward, son of John James, dec'd	17
Edward James Sr.	1
Henry James	1
Thos. W. James	9
Lemuel Cornick	17
John "	21
Wm. B. "	32

David James, a free Negro, living in P. Anne Co. in 1727.

13. James of Stafford Co., Va.

John James, a private in Comp. of Capt. Robert Stobo, under Col. Geo. Washington, at Wills Creek, 9 July 1754. After battle of Great Meadow.

John James, private in the Fauquier Co. Militia, 1759

From Washington's Ledger 1754: -

Charles James, an officer, entitled to military land, 1754.

Overwharton parish =

Bapt. 21 Nov. 1742

d. 20 Oct. 1748

Margaret dau. of George James

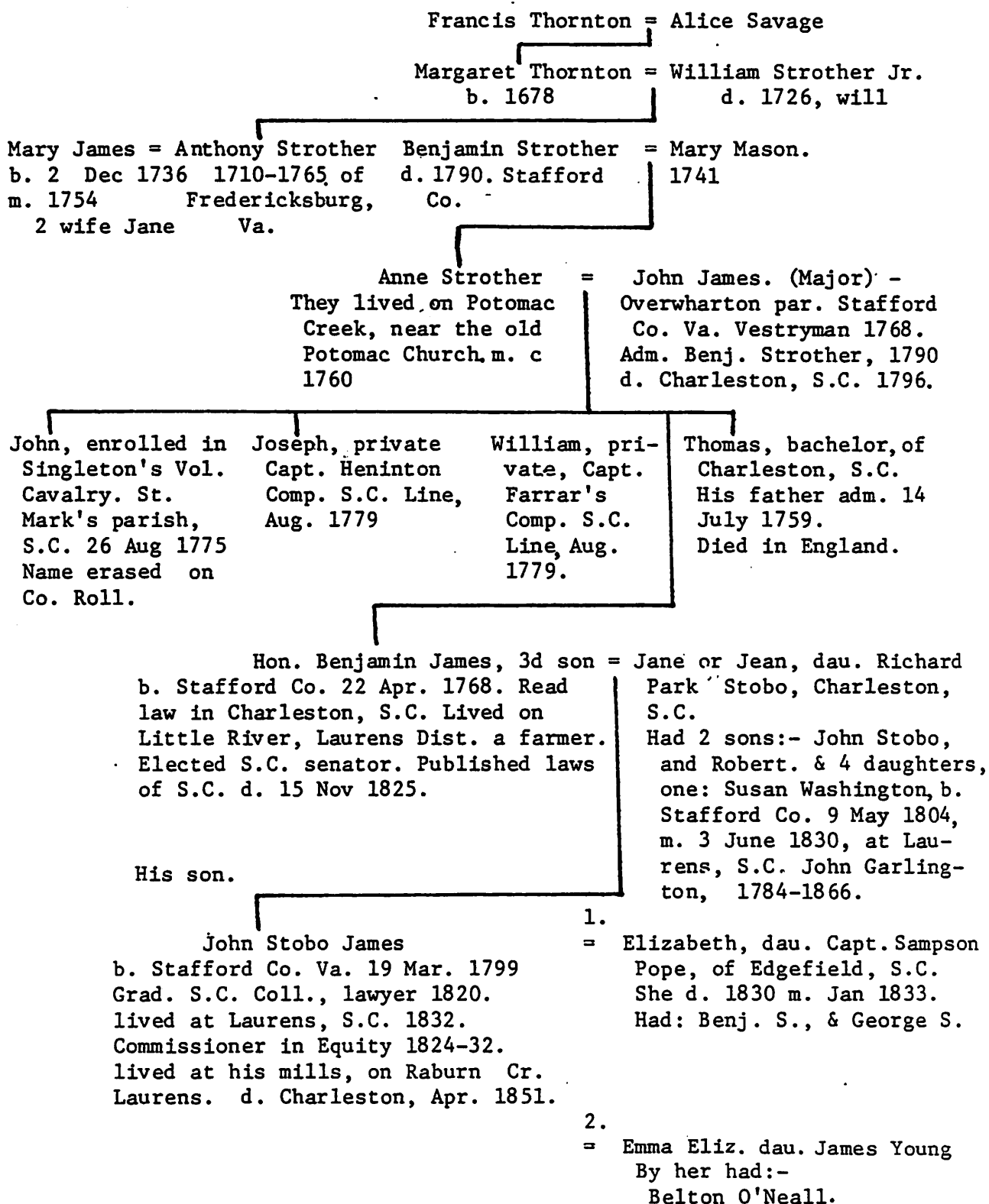
Joseph, son do. b. 8 Dec. 1746

Daniel, son do. b. 6 Dec. 1748

William, d. 2 Nov. 1748

Hannah m. Benj. Crump, 2 Feb. 1749.

14. James of Stafford Co., Va. and Charleston, S.C.



15. James of Williamsburg Co., S.C.

Judge William Dobin James, elected to Equity Court, S.C. 14 Dec 1802-1824, and Solicitor of Northern Circuit, S.C. 1800. He served in Marion's Corps, S.C. Rev. War - at siege of Ft. Mott's. Wrote a "Life of Marion." He became a drunkard and was impeached while on the Law Bench, in Jan. 1828.

Judge John Jones James, was a member of S.C. Leg. from Marlborough Dist. 1792-95. Elected a Judge 1795, in S.C.

16. James of Prince Fredericks District, S.C.

Mr. John James, Sr., was a delegate for Prince Fredericks Dist., So. Car. to the S.C. Colony Congress, at Charleston, 1 Nov. 1775 - 26 Mar. 1776. (He was not a member of the first S.C. Congress).

17. James of Stafford Co. Va.

John James was granted 500 acres in Stafford Co. Va. patented dated 20 July 1670. 10 headrights (Hayden 731)

18. James of James City Co. Va.

John James = Justina Thruston  
James City  
Co. Va. 1713

W&M V

Major Thruston James Elizabeth John Geo. W. Elinor Sally Grace  
on James City Co. Com. 1774-5 ( Va Gazette )  
d. Feb 1780, aged 65.

His son:-

John James, will, 3 Feb. 1818, proved Williamsburg, Va.  
1748. Bapt. Bruton Ch. Wmsburg  
Henry James  
Joseph James

19. James of Spotsylvania Co. and Fauquier Co., Va.

1725. John James, St. George parish, Spots. Co. will dated 22 Jan. 1725.  
pr. 1 Mar 1725, wife & Ex<sup>tr</sup> Alice  
Mary, only child named and "child my wife now goes with."  
He witnessed a Deed in Spts. 27 Oct. 1725.

19. James of Spotsylvania Co. and Fauquier Co., Va. (continued)

George James d. Spts Co. 1753 = Mary

John James, 1764.  
Spts. Co.

Thomas James, Fauquier Co. Va. = Mary (Bruce?)  
Will dated 9 Apr 1772

- 2 Joseph
- 3 Daniel
- 4 Henry
- 5 Mary
- 6 Dianah

Mary m. Michael Robinson

Agatha m. Richard Price

George James witnessed a Deed, Spts. Co. St. George Parish, 3 June 1752.  
He d. in 1753-54.

1754. Oct. 4. Spts Co. Deed

Mary James, of Spts Co., widow, and Thomas James, eldest son & heir at law of George James, dec'd., late husband of said Mary. Agreement:-  
Mary to release her dower in lands etc. in P.Wm Co. Va. 900 acres on Deep Run, to said Thomas, and said Thomas to execute to said Mary a Deed for a lot in town of Fredericksburg, Va. which said George James purchased of Ch.Colson etc. This Deed mentions:-

Mary, Dianah, and  
Joseph  
Daniel  
Henry

youngest children of said George James and his wife Mary. Recorded  
Spts. CH. 3 June 1755.

John James, guardian to Joseph, Daniel, & Henry, orphan minor children of George James. - with Anthony Strother & ch. Bruce, entered bond in £1000 - 6th Aug. 1764. (Their mother Mary probable dec'd). Spts. Co. Va. Guardian Bonds.

Mary James and son Thomas, adm.of George, decd. entered bond in £2000.  
6 Mar. 1753.

1768. Thomas James, late of Fredericksburg, Spts. Co., now of Fauquier Co. Va. "Son & heir to George, of Fredericksburg" and wife Mary, conveyed by Deed Spts. Co. Va. 6 June 1768 for £150, part of a lot in Fredericksburg.

James James, Spts. Co. d. 1754

James Hunter entered bond in £50 as adm. to estate, 9 April 1754, Spts Co. Va.

Will of Margaret Bruce signed 22 July 1765. Her Ex<sup>tr</sup> brother in law Thomas James, of Spts Co. Names sister Mary James.

No. 41 known as the "Long Ordinary," which said George had conveyed to said Thomas.

1778. Deed, Spts Co. 30 Nov. Charles Bruce of Orange Co. Va. ex<sup>tr</sup> to Will of Thomas James of Fauquier Co. - Agreement: whereas, said Thomas James had promised in his lifetime £250 to Michael Robinson, as marriage por-

19. James of Spotsylvania and Fauquier Counties, Va. (continued)

tion for his (Thomas) dau. Mary, and the same amt. to Richard Price, as marriage portion for his (Thomas) dau. Agatha. To provide for these payments, Thomas James, by his will, dated 9 April 1772, ordered the sale of certain lots in Fredericksburg, Va. But in 1775, these sons-in-law agreed with the Ex<sup>tr</sup> to accept these lots in place of cash, but as their fathers protested, the Ex<sup>tr</sup> sold the lots, and conveyed them to purchasers by this Deed.

Thomas James on Bond of Michael Robinson, guardian of Mary Frazer, in £2000, 3 Apr. 1773.

Will of Stephen Sharp, St. George Parish, Spts. Co. Va. signed 12 Mar. 1735, pr. 3 Jan. 1735-6. Wife and Ex<sup>tr</sup> Elizabeth, mentions dau. Elizabeth James

Peter James, and six others, were granted 24,000 acres on So. side Rap river in Spotsylvania Co. 20 July 1722 "were Essex Co. men." (Hayden)

20. James of Prince William Co., Va.

Elizabeth Westwood James of Dumfries, P. Wm. Co. Va. m. Judge Wm. A. Gibbons - 1782-1829 of Stafford Co. Va.

21. James of Virginia Military in 18th Century

Daniel James, Serg<sup>t</sup>, Capt. John Mercer's Comp. 3d Reg. Va. Feb 1778

John James, private, Capt. Long's Comp. June 1777. Col. Morgan's Riflemen Va.

Michael James, Va. Officer. Rec<sup>d</sup> military land, before 1784

Christopher James, private. Capt. John Gregory's Company, Col. Abraham Buford's Reg. Va. Line, Nov. 1778

22. James of Fairfax Co., Va.

Mar. Bonds

Hannah James & Charles Hume, 26 Dec. 1764

Margaret James & William Butler, 17 Dec 1770.

Susannah James & Isaac Eustace, 14 Dec 1777.

23. James of Lancaster Co., Va.

Lanc. Co. Mar. Bonds

Bartley James  
m. Lancaster Co. Va. 20 Dec 1763  
Elizabeth Hathaway

Security John Hathaway.

William James  
m. Lancaster Co. 13 Apr. 1780  
Nancy Elliot

1760. May 13. Sarah James & James Nuttall, with consent of her father  
Thomas James.

1768. May 26. Margaret James & Isaac Pittman. John James, Security.

1786. Nov. 16. Elizabeth James and George Carter William James, Security.

24. James of Amelia Co., Va.

Amelia Co. M. Bonds.

Thomas James and Martha Burler, widow 28 Feb. 1760 (See "Beauford")

John James and Hannah Pollard, dau. Jos., 23 Nov. 1786.

Jesse James and Polly Haines, 10 Jan. 1788.

25. James of Frederick Co., Va.

David James, of Frederick Co. paid 39 shillings for military services on  
the frontier, 1754 Act Va. Ass. Sep. 1758.

John James, a lay-reader P.E. church, Frederick parish, Frederick Co. Va.  
1764-1780.

David, piper, in company of Capt. Morton, Militia, Va. Jan. 1777

26. James of Culpeper Co., Va.

John Pickett, Will 9 July 1803 = Hannah \_\_\_\_\_  
pr. Culp. Co. 17 Sep 1803

Polly Pickett m. \_\_\_\_\_ James  
m. bef. 1803 Culp. Co.

John D. James m. Peggy F. Brown 1808  
Daniel James m. Nancy Graves 1787  
Samuel James m. Frances Bates 1783

} Culpeper

26. James of Culpeper Co., Va. (continued)

Joseph James, Culpeper Co. paid £2.1.4. for supplying provisions to friendly Indians in frontier war 1754-5. Act Va. Ass. Sep. 1758.

Rev. Daniel James, Baptist. (?m. 1787 Nancy Graves, Culp.)  
at Jeffersonton 1809-11, 16 m. from Culpeper CH - NE  
originally Haagman's River.

Goodrich Lightfoot, Will 24 Apr. 1778 =  
pr. Culp. 15 June 1778

Elizabeth m. \_\_\_\_\_ James  
m. bef. 1778 \_\_\_\_\_ Culp. Co.

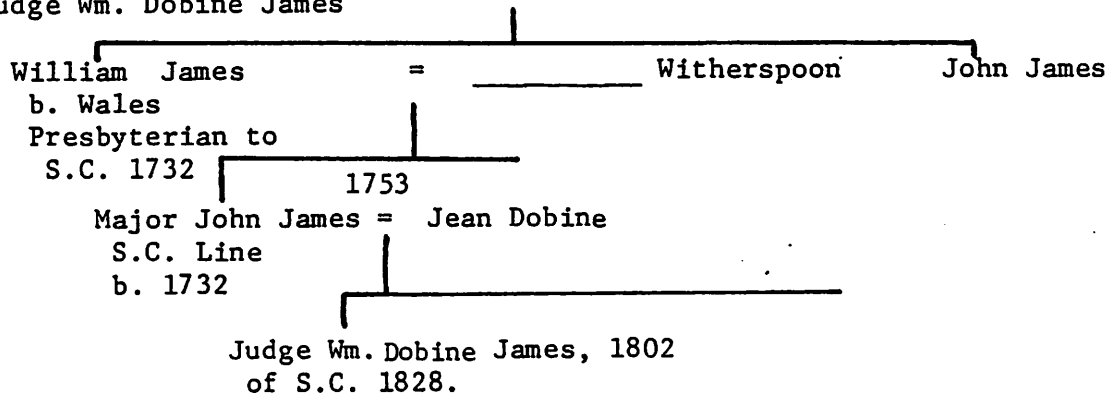
27. James of Irish Tract, S.C. and Williamsburg Co., S.C.

1. William James, said to have removed from Wales to Scotland where he m. and went to Ireland and was under the banner of Wm. of Orange, and then came to America in 1732 with his wife and infant son, and many "Irish" Presbyterians and his younger bro. John James. They went south on the "Irish Tract", granted in So. Car. in Williamsburg Co. or District, named for Prince of Orange. The bros. William & John rec'd grants of land, respectively on "The Lake", and on "Broad Swamp" where they had farms and herds. - William also using Bull's Savannah.

William James m. dau. of John Witherspoon, who in 1734 brought a large party of Presby. from about Belfast to S. Car., landed at Charleston, and then 1735 settled them in the wilderness, in the Irish Tract, where they were preceded by the James brothers. - in Williamsburg Tp. on Black river, near Kingstree. Mr. J.W. d. 14 Aug 1734, in S.C.

2. William's son, Major John James, b. Ire 12 Apr. 1732 tended his father's herds, had experiences in "Indian Scares" Received a little education and religious instruction from Rev. John Rae, of the Irish Settlement, and became the most conspicuous Presbyterian in S.C. during Rev. War. He was Captain in 1775, of Williamsburg Militia, and during the war was a Major under Genl. Marion & Greene.

He m. 18 June 1753, Jean Dobine and had  
Judge Wm. Dobine James





28. James of Cumberland Co., Va.

Richard James, Gent., appointed a commissioner to value glebe-land in Southam parish, Cumberland Co. Va., 1772.

Act Va. Ass., Feb. 1772.

He was of the Co. Com. 1774. .

William James, Cumb. Co. m. Betsy, dau. Col. Francis Goode, 1774-1795. Chesterfield Co.

29. James of Brunswick Co., Va.

Cary James in 1800 living in Brunswick Co., Va.

30. James of Bristol Parish, Va.

1724. From Minutes of the Bristol parish registry, July 18, 1724  
Ordered that Richard James make five sash-windows glazed, for the  
chapel. 1724, Oct. 9, he was paid 2,000 and 480 lbs. of tobacco for  
same. 1725, June 28, contract with Richard to erect a chapel at  
Namissin Creek, for £135, payable in tobacco. He to give security.  
1725, Nov. 10 & 19, he was paid 2,400 lbs. tobacco.

From Bristol parish register:

1724-5, Feb 14. Baptised - Elizabeth, dau. Richard and Elizabeth James. b. 8 Oct 1724.

1728-9, Feb 2. Baptised - Mary, dau. Richard and Mary James. b.  
3 Jun 1728.

Elizabeth <sup>1</sup>	Richard James	<sup>2</sup> Mary
	Carpenter	
Elizabeth	1724	Mary
bapt. 1725	P. George Co.	bapt. 1729

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ James of the "Pa. Commission", contributed money to erect  
P.E. Church of St. Stephen, for Negroes, in Petersburg, Va. - in 1868.

Sarah James, "b. near Petersburg,  
Va." P. George Co. about 1770-75.  
m. Columbia, S.C. about 1795  
& d. Elbert Co., Ga. 1817.

William Goode  
b. P. Geo.Co. Va. 1765  
to Ga. 1785-90.  
d. Clark Co. Ala. 1837  
Issue.

James = Sarah = William Goode,  
Beaufort. b. 1765  
Andrew Broaddus James  
b.c. 1820.

31. James of Hanover, Campbell and Bedford Counties, Va.

William James, a witness to Deed of Christopher Smith of St. Paul's  
par. Hanover Co., Va. 7 June 1731

1787.3.2. Cedar Cr. Mo. Mtg. Hanover Co., Va.

Fanny James witness on Stanley m. certf. and on another Stanley certf.  
Edwin James a witness - 11.7.1797

Campbell Co., South Mo. Mtg.

John Fisher m. Rachel, dau. Thomas James. Isaac James, a witness 10.17.  
1799

1799. John James & wife Martha, members Campbell and Bedford Co. Va.  
Mo. Mtg.

32. James of Henry Co., Va.

"Jamey" James, Henry Co. Va. took Oath of Allegiance, 1777

33. James of Gloucester and Mathews Counties, Va.

1782. Taxables in Kingston parish, Gloucester (now in Mathews) Co. Va.:  
Walter James, Matthew James.

34. James of Goochland and Warwick Cos., Va.

1730. Capt. Francis James of King William parish, contracted 24 Oct.  
1730, to build P.E. Church for 21,600 lbs. tobacco. All but 619 lbs.  
paid to him by 16 June 1733.

Land of Francis James in Goochland Co., Va. mentioned as a boundary in  
a Deed 15 Feby. 1731.

Francis James was appointed one of the viewers of tobacco in upper part  
of Warwick River Co., Va. to Denby parish and Standly Hundred lines.

Goochland Co. m. Bonds

Maudlin James m. Micajah Mosby, 10 June 1747.

1732. Francis James was a grantor for 250 acres in Goochland Co.

35. James of Craven Co., Welsh Tract, S.C.

"The Welsh Tract was set out on petition of Daniel James dated 13 Aug. 1736". The S.C. Council caused, by order of 21 Jan. 1737, "Welsh land" to be reserved on the east side of the Great Pedee and its two branches.

On the second Petition of Daniel James, stating their lands were not what they hoped to receive, being unsuitable for flax & hemp and since at the request of the Council they had sold in Pa. & come here, they ought to be better treated. The Gov. ordered a new survey, 8 Feb. 1737, further up the Pedee.

1734-5. The Royal Governor of So. Car. laid out a tract of 173,850 acres, in Craven Co. - 10,000 acres in Queensboro Tp. - on the Great Pedee rive, at the Forks for a colony of Welsh who proposed to locate here, moving from the Welsh Tract in Pa. The first of this Colony of Welsh Baptists removed to this tract of land in Dec. 1735, under the leadership of James James. They first located at Cat Fish Creek, (now in the Marion Dist.) but finding the land undesirable, went higher, to what became known as the Welsh Neck, on the Upper Pedee, opposite the present village of Society Hill. Their farms in the Neck extended from the Crooked Creek to Red Bluffs, about six miles; all lying in the old Cheraws Precinct. They built their church on the east bank of the Pedee, near Spartenburg, on the road from Society Hill to Bennettsville, convenient to all the Welsh Baptists.

The county had not been opened, and the forests were primeval, and it appears from their petition for protection, Jan. 1737, that they were bothered by Indians. These settlers had had the land granted and apportioned to them before they came, which they gradually took-up and paid for. But by Aug. 1743, considerable of the land reserved for them had not been paid for, when the Surveyor Genl advised them that if they did not pay for and occupy the grants, they would be sold to other colonists after 1st Jan.

"James James, Esq.", the leader of the Welsh from Pa., was the wealthiest man among them. His land was on both sides of the river, at Spark's Ferry, when he resided with his family, which came with him from the Pa. Welsh Tract in New Castle Co. (Del.). He died at Cat Fish, where he was on a visit 21 Nov. 1769. According to the records of the Welsh Neck Church, in 1740, there was then in this settlement:-

James James and wife,  
Philip James and wife,  
Abel James and wife,  
Daniel James and wife,  
Thomas James  
William "  
David "  
Samuel "

35. James of Craven Co., Welsh Tract, S.C. (continued)

According to Plot by the Surveyor Gen'l -  
15 Aug 1743; the following members of the  
James family had been granted land which  
they had not paid for

Plot of Welsh Tract  
made 16 Nov. 1736  
Gregg's "Old Cheraws"

Name	acres	Date granted
David	400	27 Aug. 1738
William	400	1 Sep. 1738
Thomas	650	3 Oct. 1738
Abel	300	31 Aug. 1738
Philip	250	21 May 1740
Daniel	350	24 Dec. 1742
Philip	100	27 Dec. 1742
William	200	29 Jun. 1743

Among the signers of the petition from the Welsh to have their lands confirmed to them without charges for survey & entry, were Philip, Abel, David and William. The usual charges were finally compromised - on conditions.

Of these first settlers in the So. Car. Welsh Tract - one of the sons of the leader James James, was Rev. Philip James. He was born near the Pennepac, Pa. Phila. Co. in 1701. Came to S.C. with his father, in 1735, was ordained Minister of Welsh Baptists, at Welsh Neck Church, 4 Apr. 1743. d. 1753.

(There was a James Family Bible dated 1676, containing early records).

1768. The Welsh in the parishes of St. Mark and Prince George, S.C. Craven Co., applied to the Assembly to establish a new parish, to be called St. David, which would include their settlement. The Act creating St. David's parish was passed 12 April 1768, and Mr. James James was appointed one of the Commissioners for the new parish. They first met on 1 Aug. 1768 when Mr. James, and several others, declined to serve. Nor did they vote at the first election of vestrymen. At the first election for an assemblyman from St. David's, 4-5 Oct. 1768, of the voters were -

Thomas James  
Howel James  
James James  
William James  
Benjamin James  
Enoch James  
William James

None of these held office in Parish or County.

1777, Dec. The Society of St. David was formed for promoting learning in the parish.

Thomas James, a member who died bet. 1780-1788.

Benjamin James, a member and subscribed 31 Jan '78

£20 toward the object. He was still a member in 1788.

35. James of Craven Co., Welsh Tract, S.C. (continued)

By 1800, James family had left Cheraws District.

1747. William James was appointed one of Highway Commissioners for 3d District of the Upper Pedee Settlement on East side of river.  
He was also a J.P. for Craven Co.

1768. S.C. Ass. ordered a public ferry, with established charges, "at the lands of James James in the Welsh Tract, on the So. East side of the Great Pedee river, in the parish of Prince George, opposite to Cedar Creek, which is on the So. west side of the said river, in the parish of St. Mark, on the lands of the said James James and to the land on either side of the said Creek," - the said ferry to be vested in the said James James, his heirs "try for term of 15 years."

1768. of the Commission appointed by Assembly to lay out a road from above ferry were -

James James  
Thomas James

1773 and 1774. Thomas James served on the Grand Jury of Craven Co. and again in 1775, when it took active part in the beginning of the Revolution. - petitioned Court about grievances, and sympathised with the people of Boston.

Thomas was on the Grand Jury in 1776, October.

Benjamin James was on Grand Jury of Cheraws Dist. Benjamin served in Army and in 1790 was in March 1776. granted 200 acres

Enoch James on the Petit Jury, Cheraws, 1775. bounty land.

1782. In SC army-militia

Alexander, Lieut.

George , private

James , "

1786. John James, on Petition to Ass. of inhabitants of counties of Marlboro and Chesterford, for ferry at Cheraw Hill, he was named a Com. to open it.

36. James of Philadelphia Co., Pa. - Baptists & Quakers

David James and wife Margaret, and dau. Mary from parishes of Llandegley and Glascum, Radnorshire, Wales, arrived Phila. 8 mo. 1682. From their Certificates of Removal to Radnor Mo. Mtg.

Mary connected with this Mtg from 1683

Howel James from Pont-y-Moel. Monmouthshire, Wales, had certif to Radnor, 2.5 mo. 1684.

Howel James }  
William James } Witnesses on  
James James } Mar. Certf. 1688  
Radnor Mo. Mtg. Pa.

From records "Pennypack Baptist Church." Irregularly extend from 1687, and "Brandywine Baptist Church," Chester (now in Delaware) Co. Pa. from 1715, and "7th Day

36. James of Philadelphia Co., Pa. - Baptists & Quakers (continued)

Baptists" of Providence  
Pa. from 1690, and Records,  
Radnor and Haverford Mo.  
Meetings, Pa. 1682 etc.

Howel James had deed from Penn, 1703, for 1040 ac. in Welsh Tract  
N.C. Co. In 168\_ he bought land in Pa. Welsh Tract from Dr. Wynne  
& John ap. John.

Howel James, widower and Maudlin Kinsey, widow, both of Radnor Tp.  
Welsh Tract, m. Radnor Mo. Mtg. 20.9.1690  
Witnesses to Mar. Certif.

James James  
William "  
Thomas "  
Philip "

Howel James, of New Castle Co. Pa. (Del.) widower, and Phebe Moore, of  
Radnor Tp. widow. m. Radnor Mo. Mtg. 8.27.1715.

James James was a J.P. in Chester Co. appointed 1727, 1 Sep.

Howel James m. first Gwenellian \_\_\_\_, who was buried at Haverford Mtg.  
28.11.1686. Their dau. Gwenellian was b. 13.9 mo. 1686.

Howel James returned to Wales, and coming back 6.2.1699, brought two  
children of Thomas Wisdom, from Malpas parish, Monmouth Co. with their  
Certificate.

1687.9.10 mo. Thos. Wynne sold Howel James 200 ac. in Radnor tp. who  
sold of same, 100 ac. to David Evan, and 100 ac., to son William James,  
who conveyed same to David Evan, 26.11.1689.

Morgan James and Elizabeth Prytherch, Both of Radnor Mo. Mtg. m. here  
11.1.1694. No "James" witnesses.

Their child Mary born 20.8.mo. 1695.  
Radnor.

Will of Morgan James, of Newtown, Co. Chester, Pa., signed 3.14.1737.  
pr. 17 Jan. 1737  
2d wife Mary. Ex<sup>tr</sup>, son - Joseph James

James James, and Jane Edwards both of Radnor tp. Chester Co. Pa.  
m. Radnor Mo. Mtg. 17.9 mo. 1692  
Witness to Certificate  
William James  
Alexander Edwards  
Margaret " "

"Jouett", wife of James James,  
buried Radnor 6.5 mo. 1687.

36. James of Philadelphia Co., Pa. - Baptists & Quakers (continued)

James James buried Radnor,  
22.6 mo. 1708  
Will Alex. Edwards Sr. Montg.  
Pa. 3 mo, 9, 1712; pr. 17 Dec.  
1712 Phila.  
wife Katherine, he marked.  
James James, grandson

David James had certificate from Bristol, Eng. Mo. Mtg to Phila. Mo. Mtg.  
6 mo. 26. 1682.

1715. June 14. "James James of the Welsh Tract,"  
N.C. Co. with Rev. Abel Morgan, Baptist Minister  
of Phila., organized at house of John Powell, of  
Providence, in Chester Co. Pa. the congregation &  
Baptist Church of Brandywine (in Del. Co.)  
m. before 1701  
to S.C. 1735  
d. S.C. 1769

William (the son of William James and wife Margaret) was born 26. 11 mo. 1694. Radnor  
They witness M. Certif. Radnor 25. 11 mo. 1694  
of Wm. Thomas X Eliz. Philips, of Newtown,  
Chester Co.  
From Records "7th.  
Day Baptists"  
William James built  
a grist mill and a  
saw mill about 1702  
in Welsh Tract, New  
Castle Co. wh. he  
sold in 173\_.

Will of Richard Nixon "of Macclesfield, Eng."  
9. 30. 1699. pr. Phila. 22 Jan. 1700. Witnessed  
by  
Abel James  
Mary "

John Hennett, "from Allesford, Hampshire", d. Phila. 31 July 1686,  
gave his estate to Edward James, his servant, also "his time of  
servitude."

John Barlow, of Haverford, Pa. Will 6 mo. 14.  
1704. legacy to Evan James. - a witness. Evan  
requested of Bd of Property grant of 80 ac. in New  
Castle Co. near land of Simon James. 2. 26. 1727.

Will.  
Edward James, brick-  
layer, Phila. signed  
27 Nov. 1714, p<sup>b</sup> 15  
Feb. 1715. wife Ann.  
Eldest son William.  
Edward bot. lot, 50  
X 178 in Chestnut  
St. in 1694-5,  
sold 17.1.1701. to  
Wm. Hall, of Salem,  
N.J. merchant.

Philip James, Phila. Merchant.  
Will 31 Mar. 1702, pr. 1 July.  
wife Esther, Ex<sup>tr</sup>. Names his  
daughters Abigail & Sarah and  
brother Joseph Wilcox.

Philip's blackman killed  
Joseph Rakestraw, Phila. 1700 (Watson)  
Philip James, of Phila. bought land  
in Pa. Welsh Tract, 168\_.

36. James of Philadelphia Co., Pa. - Baptists & Quakers (continued)

"Philip James, Jr." - sadler, Phila. "Son of Philip James of Phila. cooper, dec'd", "going to Great Britain," "to mother Esther Shippen," Ex<sup>tr</sup> - to "sister Sarah Beaumont", in Great Britain. Date 15 Oct. 1723. 3 Aug 1724 Phila.

Will Philip Th. Lehrmann (Lehman), 10. 26. 1687, pr. Phila. 31 Dec 1687 - legacies to Wm. Penn. and to Susannah James, wife of John James.

Will, George James, Springfield, Chester Co., 1.28.1720. pr'd. Phila. 23 Apr. 1720, wife, Ann, Son Mordecai James, a minor.  
*Woodward*

Mordecai James had certf. from Goshen

Mo. Mtg. to Haverford Mo. Mtg. (Radnor) 5.3 mo. 1727, intending to marry Gaynor Lloyd, "Said Mordecai being son of George James, late of Springfield, Chester Co. dec'd." They m. at Merion Mtg. 3.26.1727. Mordecai d. 12.15.1776.

= b. 2.5.1705 d. 9.3.1728  
Her bro. David Lloyd, went to North Car.  
Witness to Cerf. Removal  
Thomas James  
Aaron "  
Witness M. Certificate  
Thomas James  
Ann "  
Mary "  
Hannah "

Thomas James, witnessed will of David Hugh, of Haverford, 27 Apr 1707 and of Enoch Story, Gent. Phila. 25 July 1722

John James from Radnorshire and daughter Rachel, were admitted to membership, Pennypack Baptist Ch. 10 mo. 1712. Their dau. Rachel, bapt. in Phila. 7 mo. 1710, she and John James, her father, were buried at Pennypack 1713.

Mary, wife of W. James was admitted this Ch. 1711-13.

Thomas James and wife Katherine, from England, were admitted to Pennypack Ch. in Dec. 1726.

Thomas had deed from Penn for 1250 acres in Welsh Tract, N.C. Co. in 1703.

Thomas James witness Will, William Morgan of Tredyfrin, Chester Co. 29 Mar. 1727-8.

John James, of Haverford tp. Will signed 6.18.1708. pr. Phila. 28 Aug 1708. Sole Ex<sup>tr</sup>, son Thomas James.

Names children:-

George James  
David "  
Sarah "

Son-in-law David Lewis & children

There was a Baptist Church at the Pennypack Creek before 1695, 1687. Rev. John Watts was the minister there 1695. The Phila. Baptists & the Keithians (seceders from Friends) united as Baptists and built their first church in Phila. about 1707, in 2d St. and built there again 1731. 1st. Baptist Church.



36. James of Philadelphia Co., Pa. - Baptists & Quakers (continued)

*son of John & Susanna*  
David James, of Radnor tp. Will marked 10 Mar 1737, pr<sup>b</sup> Phila 2 July 1739, wife, Jane. Evan James, Ex<sup>tr</sup>

Children:-

Thomas James

Sarah Thomas

Rebecca Miles (*John Miles*)

Joseph James, taylor, Phila. Will 21 Oct. 1745 pr<sup>b</sup>, 1 Nov.

Father - George James

Brother - Abel James *or Eliz Edwards*

Children: George James

Thomas James

Father-in-law - Thos. Linsey, Ex<sup>tr</sup>.

Thomas James, Charlestown, Chester Co., Pa. Will, 5 Oct. 1748, pr. 30 Nov. Wife, Gwellian, Children:-

Griffith James

John James

Henry James, Parish St. Nicholas, Bristol, Eng., merchant taylor, Will 20 Apr. 1724-5. Pr<sup>d</sup>, Phila. 1730

Children:- John James

Joseph "

Elizabeth & Hannah and my dau.-in-law, Frances James

Will. Henry Treviller, Marlboro, Chester Co., 9 Dec. 1726, wife, Mary, to brother Joseph James.

*Dau. of Morgan*

Will. John James, Willistown, 24 March 1748, pr. 11 Apr. d.s.p.

Will. Thomas James, Whiteland, Chester Co., 29 July 1747, pr. 14 May 1748. Cousin, Samuel James of Whiteland, Ex<sup>tr</sup>, To cousin Joseph James

Samuel James requested from Bd. of Property, 1 Mar, 1725. Grant of 250 ac. in White Clay Creek tp, New Castle Co. Abandoned land

*son of Morgan*  
Will. Daniel James, Willistown, Chester Co. 4 Dec. 1733, pr. 13 Mar. 1734-5. Wife Susan & 2 daughters  
Brother Joseph James

Rev. David Evans, the first Baptist Minister of Pencader Welsh Ch., had trouble with Samuel James and resigned in 1720. Succeeded by Rev. Thomas Evans, who d. 1742.

Will. Owen Edwards of London Britain tp., Chester Co., Pa. 14 Mar. 1738-9, pr. 25 Feb. 1739-40. to daughter Sisil, wife of John James £2.  
/to daughter Elizabeth, wife of Abel James. 5 Shill. "and gone to Carolina"/ to son Thomas Owen, his land.

37. James of Philadelphia and Chester Counties, Pa.

From Minutes, Board of Property

1690. 4 mo. 7. Warrant order for  
John James  
for a lot at Strawberry Alley, in  
lieu of one granted him on river bank  
in N.E. end of city.

1690. 6. 30. Lot 40 X 250 granted  
Philip James on river bank. Same date,  
by deed, he conveyed part of it.

Philip, by deed, 21 Mar.  
1701. Sold bal. of his  
lot in Water St.

1692. 8 mo. 20. He was a witness to an  
obligation.

1693. Aug 14. his lot in Del. Front Street  
bet. High & Chestnut Sts. mentioned in a  
deed.

1692. Aaron James bought 500 ac. in  
Westtown, Chester Co. which he held  
29.7.1702.

Aaron asked resurvey on  
240 ac. at West Town  
19.2.1703.

1699. 19.2. George Thomas devised by  
letter, 200 ac. in New Town, Chester Co.  
to Elizabeth Brotherton, now wife of  
Morgan James

Confirmed by Board.

1682. June 20. David James, then residing in  
parish of Glasgram, Radnorshire, weaver,  
bought 100 ac. (part of 500) from Richard  
Davies, of Welsh Pool, Montgomeryshire,  
Gent., David came over and seated the  
land in Radnor Tp. His sole heir & daughter  
Mary, assigned this land, 22.10.1702  
and also 100 acre granted in Radnor to  
David for headrights, 19.1.1683.

Land 100+100 ac. sold  
to Stephen Evans, Radnor

1695. 8. 4 mo. James James sold 50 ac. on  
Schuylkill, near Sassafras St. being part  
of 300 sold to him on "penny rent" -  
"ground rent" for his headrights.

-- of Radnor Tp.  
Phila. Co.  
sold to  
Thomas John  
Evan

1702. June 27. Davies & Evans,  
Undertakers for the Welsh settlement in  
New Castle Co., by deed transferred to

James James

of Phila. Co., 1246 acres, in Welsh Tract,  
New Castle Co. and 1702 he asks survey.

The land of James James  
was at Iron Hill, and  
northward to Christina  
Creek, 1224 acres,  
which he held by deed,  
1703, from Penn.

37. James of Philadelphia and Chester Counties, Pa. (continued)

1717. 9 mo. 20. Warrant to Simon James,  
200 ac. in Welsh Tract, New Castle Co. (Del.)
1682. June 19. By deed from Richard Davis,  
Margaret James, of parish of New Church,  
Radnorshire, spinster, bought 200 acres in  
Radnor tp. Phila. Co. - laid out for her  
18.5.1683. She m. Samuel Miles.
- 1713.12.1 mo. Richard James requested grant for  
150 to 200 acres in the forest at lower end of  
New Castle Co. which he had occupied for two  
years, on ground rent, Warrant issued.

The Abington Iron Works  
failed, and Samuel  
James bought it, but  
he failed too, and  
Sheriff sold the  
plant, 13 Sep. 1735.

James James sold part of his land at Iron Hill, to his son Samuel,  
3 June 1723. Here Samuel James built a forge, and subsequently a  
Co. was formed from it called "Abington Furnace" which bought  
1,000 ac. 28 May 1726 & erected furnace & forge on Christina  
Cr. called "Abington Iron Works."

38. James of Philadelphia and New Castle Counties, Pa./Del.

- 1691 - July 29. Howel James of Radnor tp.  
bot. 500 ac. in Bristol tp. on Taconinck Cr.  
Phila. Co. for £125, asked re-survey, 22.4.  
1703.

- 1703.14.4. Howel James produced to Bd. of  
Prop. the return for 104 acres in Welsh  
Tract, New Castle Co. made out to himself  
by deed 27 June 1702. - and also return  
for 315 acres to him in same place. Re-  
quested the Patent for all -- 1355 acres.  
Granted.

Many of these Welsh  
were iron workers and  
decided to settle  
around Iron Hill, in  
the Welsh Tract,  
which Penn granted  
there 15 Oct 1701  
about 30,000 acres.  
The land was fertile  
& iron.

Howel James had a forge,  
or iron mill at Iron  
Hill. He devised £10  
payable annually, out  
of proceeds of this  
mill, to his wife,  
Phebe.

39. James of Welsh Tract, New Castle Co., Pa./Del.

1701. The Welsh Baptists came from Pembroke & Caemarthens, Wales,  
generally. In June 1701, sixteen of them sailed in ship James and Mary,  
from Milford Haven and arrived at Phila. 8 Sep. 1701 and stayed among  
the Baptist families at Pennypack and Phila. James James was not with  
this party, but resided near the Pennypack. He was probably a Friend

39. James of Welsh Tract, New Castle Co., Pa./Del. (continued)

and became a Kiethian Quaker, and then a Baptist about 1702-3. When these Welsh were granted land in (High Sect) Pencador Hund., New Castle Co. (Pa.), - adjoining White Clay Cr. Hundred, and the Md. line & in Cecil Co. Md., they removed there, and James James with them, and by records of the Baptists of New Castle Co., James James was baptised and received by them 1703, and also Sarah James (?his wife). On 22 July 1706, a call, signed by Baptists (among the subscribers was James James), was issued for delegates from all churches to meet at Radnor, at home of Richard Miles, when the Union of all Pa. Bapt. churches was made.

1703. The Welsh Tract in Pencader Hundred (N.C. Co.) Bapt. Meeting was established by the Welsh who came over in 1701, and others from Pennypack and Phila. (They also built Trediffryn Mtg House. 170\_) And from its records:- John James, was received by baptism at Pennypack 1701, and James James and Sarah James, also by baptism, or conversion, in 1703.

James James became so prominent among the N.C. Welsh, that in 1710, he acted as pastor of the Welsh Tract Mtg. and was succeeded by Rev. Abel Morgan in 1711, but James James acted as pastor again in 1713. Joined the Welsh Tract Mtg. were

1711. Joseph James, from Blarney-Gwent.

1714. James James Jr., joined by baptism in 1714.

1715. Thomas James " " , aged 16 yrs.

James James Jr. was "excluded", 3 April 1736 for absenting from Mtg. & disobedience of church rules.

1741. May 2. Bapt.- James James, who was received in Welsh Mtg. in Feb. 1755.

40. James of New Castle Co., Pa./Del. and South Carolina

1716. Feb 4. Among the Signers of Confession of Faith, Welsh Tract Mtg:

James James

Sara James (2)

Sarah d. 2 mo. 10. 1721.

James James Jr.

Aron James

Thomas James (2) 1716  
1726

Daniel James

Philip James 1716  
Margaret James 1719

Philip owned 525 acres in the Welsh Tract, N.C. Co.

Mary James

John James 1726

Sarah James "

Abel James 1728

1733. Nov. 3. James James (the Ruling Elder) and wife Eleanor were received by letter from "Montgomarie".

40. James of New Castle Co., Pa./Del. and South Carolina (continued)

1735. Nov. Letters of Dismissal were addressed "to So. Car. Baptists" by Welsh Tract Mtg. Abel Morgan being then the teaching Elder, and James James, the Ruling Elder, to

James James

David "

Mary "

Sarah "

Subsequently, to follow these pioneers to So. Car. in April and Nov. 1737, letters were issued to

Philip James

Abel "

Thomas "

David " and David & wf. had been rec'd in Welsh

Elinor " his wife Tract by letter from "Montgomarie".

Elizabeth "

41. James of Baltimore Co., Md.

"Charles James, Gent." Balto. Co. Md. 1667

42. James of Bucks Co., Pa. & North Carolina

See Mss. "Owen & James, PHS

John James, b. c 1665-70. From Pembrokehire to Pa. 1711. with his family. - all Baptists, was granted 1,000 acres in New Britain Tp. "Perkasee" near Hilltown, Bucks Co. Pa. He d. 1749.

Will signed 30 Jun 1747, a weaver. By Deed 20 Dec. 1725

John & son Thomas conveyed to John's son William 200 acres, adjoining land of Isaac, of above Grant, for £40. Deed rec<sup>d</sup> 1739. All wrote names.

John James and wife Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, who d. bef. 1749. had

1. William b. Wales, 1691-2, bapt. 1718, d. 1778, Will, Bucks Co. Pa. m. 1718, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ had, 1. Isaac, 2. John b. 1719, m. 1740 Eliz. Evans, 3. Abel

2. Isaac

3. Thomas d. Bucks Co. 1772. He sold his son James land in Bucks Co. Pa. In 1786 James resided in Salisbury, Rowan Co. No. Car.

4. Josiah, and Sarah, Rebecca & Mary.

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George James returned a John James, son of John  
Deed, Spots. Co. H. George Joseph, Daniel & Henry  
Parish, 3 June 1752. John James children of  
He is in 1752-54. George James, son of John  
1754, Oct. 4, Spots. Co. Deed. Thom Strother & the Boness.  
Mary James, of Spots. Co. widow, land bound in £1.000 - 6th  
and Thomas James, oldest Aug. 1764. (This mother Mary  
son & heir at law of George father the deed).  
James, decd., late husband of Spots. Co. Va. Francis Bonds.  
said Mary. Agreement -  
Mary to release her dower. Mary James and son Thomas  
in land &c., in P. Wm Co. Va. land of George decd., return  
900 acres on Deep River, to bound in £2.000, 6 Mar 1752.  
said Thomas, and decd  
Thomas to execute to said  
Mary a Deed for a lot in  
town of Fredericksburg, 13.  
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There were apparently three families named JAMES that settled in the vicinity of Chester Monthly Meeting. The heads of these families may have been brothers. The following information is from the Chester Monthly Meeting Records of Births and Deaths:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PARENTS
John	7/16/1713		Thomas and Mary JAMES
Thomas	12/24/1714\15		"
Joseph	9/9/1717		"
Benjamin	10/11/1720		"
Sarah	9/28/1699		George and Ann JAMES
Mary	6/28/1702		"
Mordecai	12/6/1705		"
Jane	9/28/1707		"
Hannah	3/17/1710		"
Ann	2/18/1714		"
Elizabeth	7/11/1717		"
Thomas	4/20/1700		Aaron and Elizabeth JAMES [m. Hannah Pyle]
Mary	5/15/1702		"
Sarah	7/1/1704		"
Aaron	11/9/1706		" [m. Hannah Elwell]
Joseph	1/29/1709	9/2/1772	" [m. Hannah Hickman]
Ann	3/29/1711		"

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM THE GENEALOGICAL NOTES OF GILBERT COPE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Joseph JAMES, son of Aaron and Elizabeth JAMES, born 1/29/1709, died 9/2/1772, Westtown Twp., Chester Co., PA, buried Goshen Meeting, married Hannah HICKMAN, daughter of Benjamin and Ann HICKMAN, born 4/21/1715, died 5/23/1806, Westtown Twp., buried Goshen.

#### ISSUE:

Caleb, b. 5/4/1736, d. 1/15/1829, m. 1) Mary Marshall, 2) Betty (Lewis) Hoopes, b. 5/6/1753, d. 9/7/1822  
 Mary, b. 7/25/1737, m. Philip Mendenhall  
 Hannah, b. 8/1/1739, m. 11/27/1760 John Marshall  
 Ann, b. 6/3/1741, m. William Patterson  
 Joseph, b. 3/21/1743  
 Elizabeth, b. 11/25/1744, m. Joseph Knight  
 Sarah, b. 12/22/1745\7, m.c. 7/1779 Ezekiel Griffith  
 Susanna, b. 2/20/1749, d. 10/15/1823, m. 1) Jacob Hoopes, 2) Gideon Gilpin  
 Ruth, b. 11/7/1750  
 Moses, b. 12/20/1752  
 Ann, b. 10/11/1754  
 Jesse, b. 3/12/1756, d. 11/21/1819, m. Elizabeth Hoopes  
 Esther, b. 9/6/1757, m. 1) 9/18/1777 Abraham Williamson, 2) Samuel Painter  
 Rebecca, b. 5/3/1759, d.y.

1. JAMES, Aaron, lately arrived from Stafford Monthly Meeting, in Old England, produced to Chester Monthly Meeting, 9/24/1701, a certificate from thence on behalf of himself and wife Elizabeth. They settled in Westtown and were the parents of the following children:
  2. Thomas, b. 4/2/1700
  3. Mary, b. 5/15/1702
  4. Sarah, b. 7/1/1704
  5. Aaron, b. 11/9/1706
  6. Joseph, b. 1/29/1709, d. Sept. 2, 1772, m.c. 1735 Hannah Hickman, b. Apr. 21, 1715, d. May 23, 1806, d/o Benjamin and Ann Hickman of Westtown
    8. Caleb, b. 5/4/1736, d. 1/15/1829 m. Mary Marshall and Betty (Lewis) Hoopes
    21. Aaron m. Mary, d/o of Thomas Mercer, of Westtown
      31. Hannah, b. 1789
      32. Thomas
      33. Emmor
      34. Abraham
      35. Mary
      36. Aaron
      37. Betty
      38. Jane, m. Jesse James, Jr.
      39. Sarah, m. Francis James, Esq.
      51. Anna M.
      40. Martha
      41. Hunt, b. 1813, d. 1859.
  9. Mary, b. 7/25/1737, m. Philip Mendenhall
  10. Hannah, b. 8/1/1739, m. John Marshall, 11/27/1760
  11. Ann, b. 6/3/1741, m. William Patterson
  12. Joseph, b. 3/21/1743
  13. Elizabeth, b. 11/25/1744, m. Joseph Knight
  14. Sarah, b. 12/22/1746\7, m. 7/1779 Ezekiel Griffith
    22. Susanna
  15. Susanna, b. 2/20/1749, d. 10/15/1823, m. Jacob Hoopes and Gideon Gilpin
  16. Ruth, b. 11/7/1750; Moses, b. 12/20/1752
  17. Aaron, b. 10/11/1752
  18. Jesse, b. 3/12/1756, d. 11/21/1819, m. 3/26/1788, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Phebe Hoopes, b. 4/17/1760, d. 12/15/1848, resided at Westtown
    23. Ann, b. 5/13/1788, d. 9/21/1851
    24. Joseph, b. 8/17/1789
    25. John, b. 10/3/1790, d. 4/22/1854, m. 1) Hannah, d/o Cheyney and Mary Jefferis, of East Bradford, b. 3/7/1791, d. 3/22/1830; m. 2) Rachel Painter
      42. Edwin
      43. Mary, m. Richard Ashbridge
      44. Jesse, d.y.
      45. Esther, m. Albin Garrett and William Woodward
      46. Cheyney, d.y.
      47. John
      48. Joseph, d.y.
      49. Cheyney J., d. bef. 1881
      50. Jesse, d. bef. 1881
    26. Hannah, b. 3/1/1792, d. 3/10/1831(?)
    27. Susanna G., b. 12/4/1793, d. 3/18/1866(?)
    28. Phebe, b. 9/27/1795, d. 4/30/1864
    29. Esther W., b. 6/12/1797, d. 12/21/1845
    30. Jesse, b. 6/24/1801, d. 1/2/1874.
  19. Esther, b. 9/6/1757, m. Abraham Williamson and Samuel Painter
  20. Rebecca, b. 5/3/1759, died young.
  7. Ann, b. 3/24/1711

Chy an Whyloryon,  
Wigmore,  
Leominster,  
Herefordshire HR6 9UD  
England

10 January, 1982

Dear Mr. James,

Thank you for your letter of 30th. November and the 150 dollars. I have made a start on your research. I should have done so earlier but the winter has started rather severely for us and I have not been able to get to Hereford. Also there was Christmas and New Year when everything shut down.

To put you in the picture I live 22 miles north of Hereford but only about 5 miles north of Kingsland. Thus it is an area which I know very well. I think I was in the Hereford record office when you were there last year.

I have searched a number of sources and have typed ~~them~~ up the results. I have enclosed copies of a marriage licence for 1786 and the will of William James of Lawton dated 1815. These I feel relate to your family and I thought you would like to have them. The signature of William James on both seem to be the same person.

The surname James means son of James and is Celtic/Welsh in origin rather than English. Being a native of Cornwall there are many James families there. Likewise James is a fairly common surname in these parts. Vaughan is also a common surname in this area so I would not accept the William Vaughan on the war memorial as one of your family. The Arthur James and the Boer War seems more likely.

As regards finding present-day relatives it is not going to be easy and it might not be possible. There is some 140 years to cover and the movement of people in this period could be a great hindrance. William baptised 1846 had 7 sisters and 5 brothers one of whom died aged 3. Some of his sisters married and these are always quite difficult to follow because of the surnames changing as the females marry. Of the brothers apart from William who went to the States and Arthur reputed to Africa, Edward and Thomas went to Birmingham. To start tracing these one would need to know their occupations and where they lived in Birmingham - a very difficult task. Henry Stretton was on the 1871 census and then living at home. It is strange that he was not mentioned in his father's will dated 1886. To sum up; in theory one would expect to find a direct relative but without some helpful clues it is not very possible. Whose child was Gertrude James? Perhaps you have some information which could provide clues for research into this later period. Any family letters could be very helpful.

This has been a quite fruitful start. The enclosed report has amounted to £48.00 so that leaves about £30.00 in hand. I will carry on when the weather improves. We have just had another two feet of snow and the temperatures are below freezing all the time. We have never known England to be so severe.

With best wishes for 1982

Yours sincerely,

*Muriel Tonkin*  
( Muriel Tonkin (Mrs) )

John W. James, Esq.

KINGSLAND registers Baptisms 1780-1865- 1871

Burials 1780-1875

Marriages 1780-1900

25 May	1795	Bapt.	Ann dau. William and Ann James	
25 Aug.	1799	do.	William son do.	
16 Aug.	1801	do.	Martha dau. do.	
9 Dec.	1839	do.	Ann Elizabeth dau. William and Ann James	farmer Lawton
18 April	1842	do.	Hester dau. William and Hannah James	farmer Arrow Green
13 Aug.	1843	do.	Marianne dau. do.	yeoman do.
13 April	1845	do.	Sarah dau. do.	farmer Arrow Green
5 July	1846	do.	William son do.	farmer Lawton Marsh
5 March	1848	do.	Ann dau. do.	farmer Lawton
27 Jan.	1850	do.	Henry Stratton son do.	do.
21 Sept.	1851	do.	Edward Thomas do.	do.
10 Feb.	1853	do.	<del>xxxxx</del> Richard Charles son William and Hannah Amelia James	farmer Lawton
7 Nov.	1854	do.	Martha dau. William and Hannah James	farmer Lawton
19 March	1856	do.	Arthur Robert son do.	do.
30 Dec.	1857	do.	Thomas son do.	do.
17 March	1861	do.	Harriett Clara dau. do.	do.
21 April	1828	Bur.	William James Lawton	63
3 Dec.	1846	do.	Ann James Lawton	83
4 Feb.	1856	do.	Richard Charles James Lawton	3
24 May	1871	do.	Mary Ann James Kinnersley	27

In the marriages searched for the period 1780-1900 ~~xxxx~~ neither of the two above William James marriages have shown up. It would seem that the marriage of William James and Hannah Amelia Lane took place pre 1839 as Ann Elizabeth was baptised in 1839. Here I think the Ann for the mother's name = Hannah. I checked the marriages licences for the period 1834-43 and there was no licence for William and Hannah. A search in the parishes surrounding Kingsland for the marriage by banns will now be necessary.

In the period 1775-87 I found the marriage licence for William James of Aymestrey, bachelor, and Ann Edwards of Leintwardine, spinster. This I think relates to the will dated 1815 and is the parents of the three children baptised at Kingsland between 1795 and 1801. Further research here will be needed to be certain. The parishes of Leintwardine and Aymestrey must be searched.

It now appears that the James family came into Kingsland parish about 1795 and left it between 1861 and 1871. There are some other James entries at Kingsland but at the moment I cannot fit them into the pedigree as I have concentrated on the William line and it was the marriage licence for 1786 and the 1815 will that I found at the end of a day's research.

Turning now to Hannah Amelia Lane I was able to find her family in Kingsland

(1813)

10 Jan.	1813	Bapt.	John son Richard and Elizabeth Lane	
30 Oct.	1814	do.	Elizabeth dau. do.	labourer
27 Oct.	1816	do.	Richard son do.	do. Longford
27 Oct.	1816	do.	Hannah dau. do.	do. do.
27 April	1817	Bur.	Hannah Lane infant	
13 June	1819	Bapt.	William son do.	do. Shirl Heath
26 Aug.	1821	do.	Hannah Amelia dau. do.	do. West Town
23 Feb.	1823	do.	Catherine dau. do.	do. Shirl Heath
5 Nov.	1826	do.	Ann dau. do.	do. do.
<del>xxxxxx 1825 xxxxx William xxx</del>				
7 May	1826	Bur.	Richard Lane Shirl Heath	35
6 Feb.	1856	do.	Elizabeth Lane Shirl Heath	71

I think these last two burials are the parents of Hannah Amelia who married William James. A further check in 1851 census would probably help to verify.



1851 census Kinsland

					born
Lawton	William James	head	married	aged 48 farming 250 acres employing 4 labourers	Kingsland
	Hannah	wife		31	do.
	Elizabeth	dau.		11 scholar	do.
	Esther	dau.		10 do.	do.
	Mary A	dau.		9 do.	do.
	Sarah	dau.		7 do.	do.
	William	son		4 do.	do.
	Ann	dau.		3	do.
	Henry S	son		1	do.
	Elizabeth Lane			17 nurse	Bromyard
	Sophia Turner			21 servant	Dyford
	Richard Fletcher			21 wagoner	Monkland
	James Evans			17 cowman	Knighton
	William H Powell			12 farm servant	N.H.

This ties up with the 1861 and 1871 censuses and above all the family names agrees with the parish registers. One always must allow for inaccuracies of ages in the census returns.

William JAMES = Ann EDWARDS dau. ? Edward Edwards  
of Kentwardine  
m lic. 25/5/1786

Bur. 21/4/1828 aged 63  
of Lawton at Kingsland  
Will 9/6/1815  
Proved 11/3/1829

Bur. 3/12/1846 aged 83  
of Lawton at Kingsland

Thomas Edward William = Hannah Elizabeth Aster Ann Sarah Martha  
Bp. 25/8/1799 at Kingsland  
Hannah = Amelia LANE Bp. 21/8/1821 at Kingsland  
Ann Bp. 25/5/1795 at Kingsland  
Martha Bp. 16/8/1801 at Kingsland

died 24/2/1890  
Sallies, Kinnorsley  
Will 26/3/1886  
Proved 31/3/1890

Ann Ed. Bp. 1839 1851 census  
Isabel Bp. 1842 1851 census  
Marianne Bp. 1843 1851 census  
Sarah Bp. 1845 1851 census 1861 census  
William Bp. 1846 1851 census 1861 census  
Ann Bp. 1848 1851 census  
Henry S. Bp. 1850 1851 census 1861 census 1871 census  
Edward Th. Bp. 1851 1861 census 1871 census  
Rich. Ch. Bp. 1853 Bp. 1856  
Martha Bp. 1854 1871 census  
Arthur R. Bp. 1856 1871 census  
Thomas Bp. 1857 1861 census 1871 census  
Harriet Clara Bp. 1861 1861 census 1871 census  
1871 census  
Bur. 24/5/1871 at Kingsland aged 27

Chy an Whyloryon,  
Wigmore,  
Leominster,  
Herefordshire HR6 9UD  
28 August, 1982

Dear Mr. James,

Thank you for your letter of 28 July. We have now obtained our flight dates to the U.S. We go on 21 September and return on 21 October, so it seems that we shall miss seeing you unless your dates are later than 21 October. Hence, I thought I should write to you and try to explain the latest findings.

Firstly the Royal Edward Lodge of Freemasons meet at the 'Freemasons' Temple, South Street, Leominster, so I imagine that you could write to that address.

Since last writing I have searched a wider area and I think I have now found the correct family. During this research I have been intrigued with a James family of quite some substance connected with Moorcott in Kembridge/Dilwyn and Leintwardine parishes in the 17th century. I would still like to think that there is a link but so far I am uncertain.

However, I have now searched the following parishes as follows and collected all James. As you can imagine there are numerous entries. I thought I would list the parishes so that you can see the area when you are here.

Aymestrey 1700-1812      Burrington 1700-1812      Downton 1700-1812  
Dilwyn 1700-1812      Leinthall Markes 1700-1750 and odd dates later  
Leintwardine 1700-88 and burials 1788-1812      Kembridge 1705-1812  
Staunton-on-Arrow 1700-70 and marriages to 1790  
Kingsland 1780 to 1871      Titley 1700-1812      Byton 1700-70  
Kinsham 1700-70      Lingen 1700-70      Shobdon 1728-55      Lyonshall 1729-82  
Kington 1729-55      Brampton Bryan 1700-55      Knill 1730-55  
Presteigne 1729-55 baptisms and burials and marriages for 1729  
Eardisland 1700-16      Leominster, Bapt. 1800-31

I have now sifted out all possible Thomas James that would connect with the Thomas James' will proved November 1790 - please see page 3 my letter 10 May. This will did not refer to a previous marriage but the marriage licence of 1755 stated that Thomas was a widower then. From the entries found in the above listed parishes I now see the situation as follows:

Marriage bond between Thomas James aged about 25 bachelor of Titley farmer and Frances Gardin aged about 30 spinster of Presteigne for a marriage to take place at Presteigne - see copy enclosed.

This marriage is not shown in the Presteigne marriage registers in the year 1729. I have found that marriages which took place by licence as opposed to by banns were sometimes not entered by the incumbent, so I think we can safely assume that it did take place at Presteigne.

At Presteigne in the period 1729-55 there are no children of this Thomas and Frances and no burial of a Thomas or a Frances. Hence they lived in another parish.

At Staunton-on-Arrow are the following:

31 Jan. 1730 Bapt. Mary dau. Thomas and Frances James and at Titley  
29 April 1755 Marr. John Pugh and Mary James by banns in presence  
John Muscott Thomas Parker

In the banns book the banns of John Pugh of Titley and Mary James of this parish were published 13, 20 and 27 April 1755

Then to Lyonshall parish as follows:

29 April 1733 Bapt. Thomas son Thomas and Frances James  
 12 Aug. 1735 do. John son do.  
 1 April 1738 do. Richard son do.  
 5 June 1742 Bur. Thomas son Thomas and Mary James  
 4 May 1755 do. Frances James  
 23 Feb. 1772 do. Richard James

The burial~~x~~ entry for 1742 says Thomas son Thomas and Mary but this could be a mistake for Thomas and Frances as there is no sign of a Thomas and Mary in the parish at that time. It now seems to me that the pedigree is as I will draw up at the end of this epistle and ties up very well with the 1790 will. A search is now needed for a Thomas born about 1700-1710.

At the later end of your family I appear to have found the whereabouts of Edward baptised 1790 at Leinthall Starke~~x~~ ( brother to William baptised 1799 at Kingsland ).

24 Jan. 1815 Marr. Edward James and Mary Gethin by licence

Eardisland 1841 census

\* Edward James aged 45 at Lower Burton unmarried but born in the county

Eardisland 1851 census

Burton Farm	Edward James	head	unm.	25	270acres	3 labourers	
							born Ivington
	Ann James	sister	unm	30			born Lawton
	Mary James	sister	unm	27			born Ivington
	John Gethin James	bro.	unm	?	( smudge )		born Ivington

Eardisland 1861 census

Burton	Edward James	head	widower	71	300 acres	3 labs	1 boy
							born Herefordshire
	Ann James	dau.		40			do.
	Walter Greenhouse	visitor		28	married		do.
	Mary Greenhouse	do.		35			do.
	Edward Bounds	unm		24	carter		do.
	John Farry	unm		17	carter		do.
	William Munn	unm		12	cowboy		do.
	Eliza Hill	unm		18	dairymaid		Kingsland
	Mary Parker	unm		15	servant		not known

in Kingsland registers

31 Jan. 1828 Marr. Walter Greenhouse, b, and Ann Vaughan, sp. by licence  
 \* 24 Jan. 1815 do. Mr. Edward James, b, Kingsland and Mary Gethin, sp.  
 with consent both ~~parties~~ parties in presence  
 John Gethin Elizabeth Gethin

On the Eardisland tithe map dated 1844 Lower Burton was owned by Reverend Edward Evans and was occupied by Edward James. It was then 252 acres 3 roods 22 perches.

In the Leominster parish registers 1800-1831

20 July 1820 Bapt. Esther dau. Edward and Mary James farmer Ivington Court  
 1 March 1822 do. Mary dau. do.  
 16 May 1825 do. Edward son do.  
 9 May 1827 do. Martha dau. do.  
 12 June 1829 do. John Gething son do.  
 there are other James families in this large parish

I have also managed to get back a little further on the Edwards of Witton line:

From the Leintwardine registers:

19 May	1719	Marr.	John Edwards and Elizabeth Shepherd
27 April	1720	Bapt.	John son John and Elizabeth Edwards jnr. Witton
3 April	1723	do.	Edward son do.
9 March	1725/6	do.	Elizabeth dau. do.
10 July	1728	do.	Mary dau. do.
17 Sept.	1730	do.	Ann dau. do.
22 March	1732	do.	Joan dau. do.
27 Aug.	1735	do.	Thomas son do.
3 April	1737	do.	Sarah dau. do.
30 Dec.	1738	Bur.	Thomas son do.
20 May	1742	do.	John Edwards Witton
21 Jan.	1743	do.	Anne dau. Elizabeth Edwards widow Witton
12 Feb.	1752	do.	Elizabeth Edwards widow Witton
25 Jan.	1733/4	Bapt.	Edward son George and Mester Haines Witton
9 Mar.	1735/6	do.	George son do.
25 Sept.	1738	do.	Esther dau. do.
20 or 26			
May	1741	do.	Thomas son do.
18 Nov.	1742	Bur.	Thomas son do.
14 Sept.	1743	Bapt.	Mary dau. do.
19 May	1746	do.	Elizabeth dau. do.
26 Sept.	1750	do.	Sarah dau. do.
5 Jan.	1752	do.	Marta dau. do.

From the enclosed and previous reports I think one can see where christian names have come in and followed through and there have been more females than males.

It seems that Thomas who married Elizabeth Winde in 1755 inherited lands from her which passed to grandson William ( son of Thomas baptised in 1756 ). By the time of Thomas senior's death in 1790, son William ( your line ) baptised in 1765 had married Ann Edwards and according to his will proved in 1829 had received lands via her.

I think all this will give you some idea of what places to visit. I have been intending to visit Kingsland churchyard to see if there are any James tombstones there. The Herefordshire tombstones weather so badly because of the poor quality limestone/sandstone.

The movement of the family seems to have been from the Titley, Lyonshall, Staunton-on-Arrow area to Aymestrey about 1760/62 and then to Leintwardine ( by marriage ) for a short time and finally to Kingsland. I keep asking myself the question why did Thomas move to Aymestrey about 1760.

I trust all this is satisfactory to you. I'm sorry that it seems that we are going to miss seeing you on your forthcoming visit. In doing the recent research I have used up the dollars which you so kindly sent in advance.

Yours sincerely,

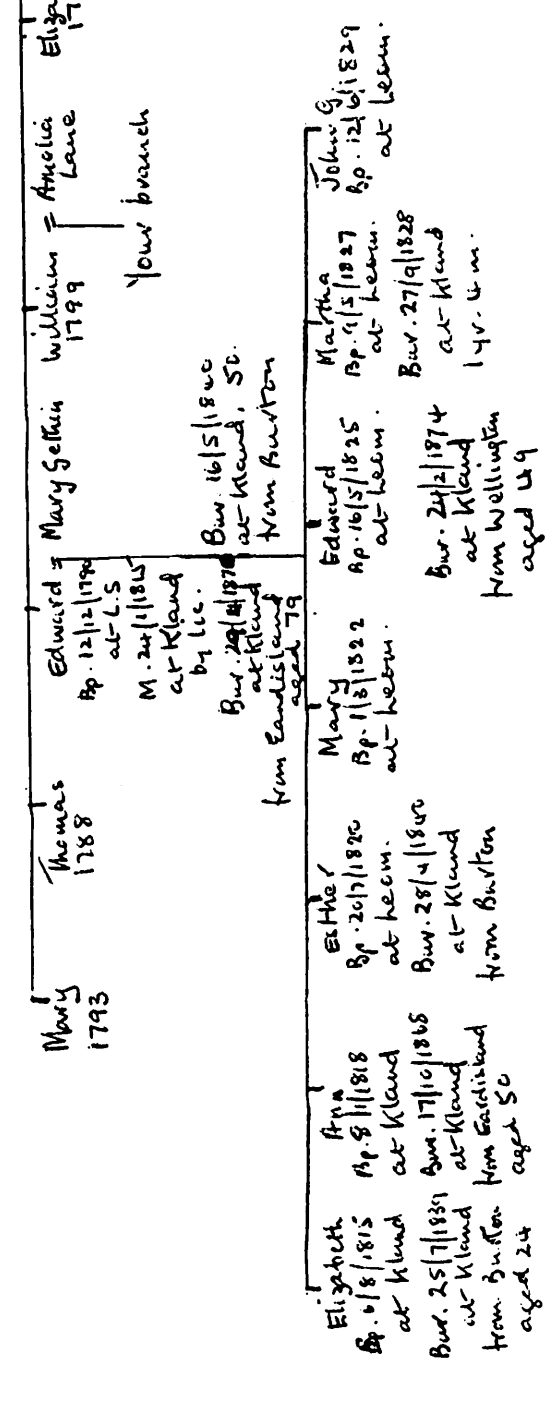
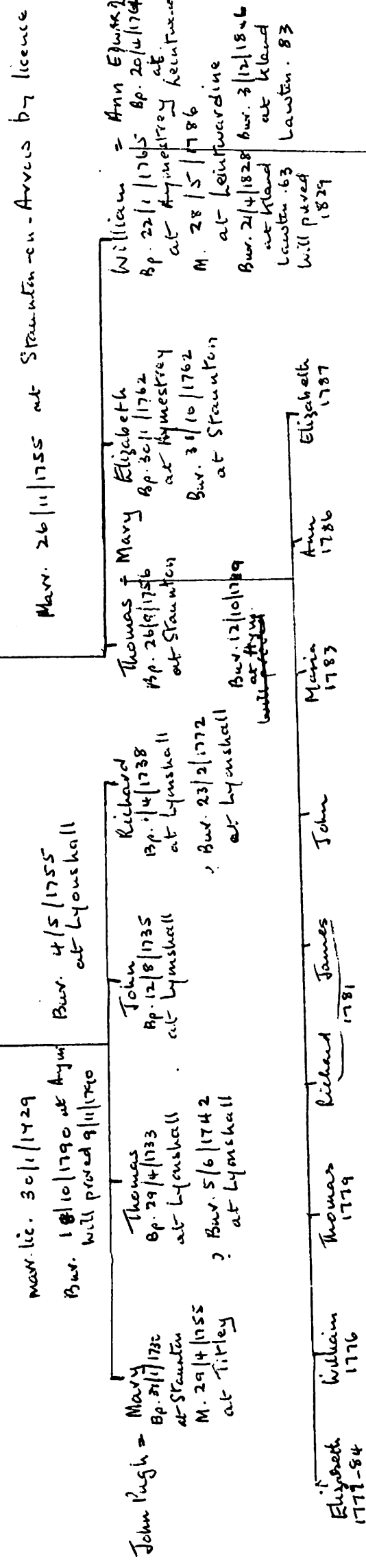
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THOMAS JAMES = (1) FRANCES GARDIN

= (2) Elizabeth Winder

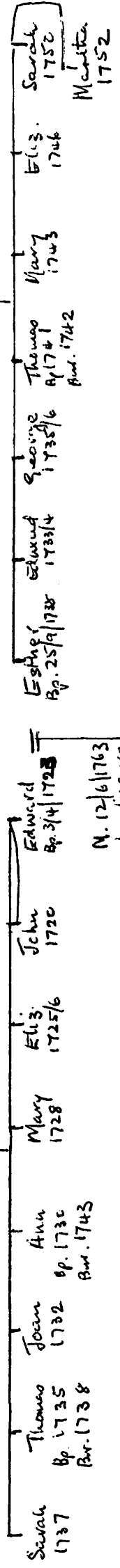


George Haines = Hester

John Edwards = Elizabeth Shepherd

Marr. 19/5/1719  
Bur. 20/5/1742

Bur. 12/2/1752.



Edward  
Bp. 3/6/1765  
Bur. 4/6/1765

Anne  
Bp. 20/4/1764  
M 28/5/1786

William James =

Your line